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There are three military officers in the new cabinet:

Faiz Mohd of Interior Min, who is Toran in rank and member of the Central Committee, Eng. Abdul Hamid, Toran and member of the CC, and Pacha Gul, Bridman and member of the CC; they have been promoted to two higher ranks.

According to the rumors, Maiwandwal and Sardar Wali, both wanted to make coup. They claim that Sardar Wali's coup was going to take place on Sartan 29 with American help.

About Farza, the people say that only 5 people have been killed, among whom 3 were farmers and two thieves. The source adds that only few thieves had gotten together and threatened the police officer of the area. The officer had gotten scared and had given wrong information to Kabul from where planes departed to bomb the Farza area. The situation is calm now, and everything is under control the source says (an army official).

About the new cabinet, people don't seem happy. People believe that many young ministers (mostly militarymen) will not be able to handle their jobs.

A source said that a meeting was held in Qala Jawad of Hazrats a few days ago, where the Mullahs were told that because of Khotba for Namaz (Prayers) name of King was necessary and that Republic didn't fit to Islamic law.

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